

Racing club's stock car to roll Saturday night

No. 92 Mustang makes its debut in 33rd annual Ice Breaker 100 in Inverness

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Members of The Villages Motor Racing Fan Club have a reason to venture out on a chilly Saturday night this weekend.

The club's official late-model stock car, the 2013 Mustang No. 92, owned by Wildwood resident Dick Anderson, will make its debut in the 33rd annual Ice Breaker 100 at Citrus County Speedway in Inverness.



On the passenger-side mirror of the sleek, black race car is a decal with the club's logo.

"It certainly makes the race more interesting when you can identify with the car," club president Gerry Hafer said. "When a group like ours has a logo on the car, it puts us right in the middle of the sport. It's exciting."

Hafer said Anderson has put the logo on his cars since 2006.

"We've sort of adopted Dick's car as our own," Hafer said, adding that the group has at times actually had the logo splashed across the hood with members' signatures.

Zephyrhills driver Devon McLeod will be behind the wheel on Saturday, becoming the 23rd person to drive a car in competition with the club's logo on it.

McLeod is coming off a strong performance at New Smyrna Speedweeks, where he had one win, one runner-up and four top-10 finishes in eight starts.

Hafer expects a large contingent of Villagers to make the trip to the 3/8-mile asphalt oval in Inverness for the race, despite the expected cold temperatures.

"We'll probably have a couple dozen," Hafer said. "There's a little grumbling about the weather, but we'll still get a good turnout."

The group will form a car pool that will leave at 4:15 p.m. Saturday from Laurel Manor Recreation center.

Racing starts at 5:30 p.m. The Super Late Model qualifying is expected to be the first event of the night.

